## **ENERGY STAR Qualified Clothes Washer Calculator**

Directions: This calculator approximates the annual savings of an ENERGY STAR qualified clothes washer compared to a non-qualifying clothes washer. To use this calculator, enter any values you know of from your washer in the input area. You can change the number of models, the capacity, the energy factor, the cost, the estimated product life, and your electric rate. If you know the kWh/year and want to determine the energy factor, energy factor is calculated by multiplying 392 by the volume in cubic feet and dividing the result by the kilowatt hours per year. 392 is the estimated cycles per year. Although the ENERGY STAR criteria requires the Modified Energy Factor (MEF) instead of the Energy Factor (EF), this calculator uses EF since it is easier to estimate energy savings from EF and non-qualified models do not list their MEF. So, enter the EF values. If you do not know any values, then leave the defaults since they are the national averages. Your annual operating costs, savings, and estimated payback period will appear below. If you have any questions, please contact Bill McNary of D&R International

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INPUT	AREA		
(Please insert the relevant figures in the input boxes)	ENERGY STAR Qualified Unit	Non-ENERGY STAR  Qualified Unit	
Number of Clothes Washers	1	1	
Clothes Washer Capacity	2.65	2.65	
Energy Factor (EF) (not MEF)	2.5	1.18	
Initial Cost per Unit	\$750	\$450	
Assumed product life in years	. 12	12	
Your Electric Rate	8.5	cents per kWh	
Discount Rate	4%		
Annual Operating Costs			
Energy Consumption, kWh	416	Anno de la companio de la companio de companio de la companio del companio de la companio de la companio del companio de la companio del la companio de la c	
Energy Cost	\$35.19	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
Lifetime Operating Cost	.\$330.30	h	
Total Purchase Price	\$750	\$450	
Additional Investment	\$300		
Annual Energy Savings	\$39		
Approximate Lifetime Savings	\$369.49		
Net Savings	\$69.49		
Years to recoup initial investment	7.6		
kWh Saved	5,578		
Equivalent Cars Removed from Road	0.879644819		

# ENERGY STAR® QUALIFIED CLOTHES WASHERS

#### SUMMARY

 ENERGY STAR qualified clothes washers save more energy, water, and utility dollars than any other major ENERGY STAR home appliance

The majority of ENERGY STAR qualified clothes washers are front-loading clothes washers. Compared to
conventional washers, they use less water and less energy, cost less to operate, and do not have a central
agitator, resulting in a larger capacity and less wear and tear to clothes. (Examples are the Maytag Neptune and
the Whirlpool Duet.)

 A few top-loading clothes washers also meet the ENERGY STAR criteria. (Examples are the Whirlpool Calypso, and Fisher and Paykel's Ecosmart.)

ENERGY STAR clothes washers have been the centerpiece of several press events and promotions, including a
recent study in Bern, Kansas. US DOE found significant energy and water savings through the study.

## MARKET CHARACTERISTICS

Average lifetime: 12 years

Typical ENERGY STAR price premium: \$300

• Time to recover ENERGY STAR premium: 4-5 years

Approximate price range for ENERGY STAR qualified clothes washers: \$650 - \$1397

Approximate price range for non-qualifying clothes washers: \$200 - \$893

• 2001 clothes washer shipments: 7,362,000

### **CURRENT ISSUES**

Water Factor

This water efficiency calculation is not included in the 2001or 2004 ENERGY STAR specification.

Recent California legislation requires a residential clothes washer water factor of ≤ 9.5 in 2007. (The water factor is the number of gallons per cycle per cubic foot.)

High Efficiency (HE) Detergent

- Because front loaders use less water, regular detergent might not dissolve as easily in these machines.

ENER	GY STAR Criteria/Fed	eral Standards	
	Current Criteria	January 1, 2004	January 1, 2007
ENERGY STAR	MEF > 1.26	MEF ≥ 1.42	To Be Determined
NAECA	EF* >1.18	MEF > 1.04	MEF > 1.26

WATER HEATER FUEL	ELECTRIC (43% MARKET SHARE)		GAS (57% MARKET SHARE)			
Energy/Water Usage	ENERGY STAR	Non- Qualifying	SAVINGS	ENERGY STAR	Non- Qualifying	SAVINGS
Electricity (kWh)	297	829	532	30	83	53
Water (gallons)	8.080	16,640	8,560	8,080	16,640	8,560
Gas (therms)	NA NA	NA	NA	23	46	23
Utility Cost*	\$52	\$125	\$73	\$52	\$107	\$55

Market Share by Manufacturer		
2000	2001	
50%	50%	
22%	22%	
16%	18%	
10%	8%	
2%	2%	
	2000 50% 22% 16% 10%	

Market	Penetration Clot	of ENERG hes Washe		ualified
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
1999	8.5%	7.7%	8.5%	9.4%
2000	8.3%	8.5%	10.2%	10.6%
2001	8.6%	9.8%	10.1%	12.8%
2002	14.9%	16.7%		

Source: Participating national ENERGY STAR retail partners.